1	2	3	4	5
12	Hooghly	0 38	0.39	0.42
13	Midnapor	1.23	1.17	1.35
14	Bankura	0.21	0.27	0.23
15	Purulia	0.16	0.17	0.18
16	Burdwan	0.54	0.56	0.60
17	Birbhum	0.27	0.28	0.30
	Total	7.32	7.57	8.06

U.A. - Urban Agglomeration.

N.B. : From 1992-93, West Dinajpur was divided into 2 administrative districts, viz., Dakshin and Uttar Dinajpur.

Decline in fish consumption

6551. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FAO has predicted a fall in fish consumption in the coming 15 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the organization has suggested, increasing production of acquaculture, easing pressures on over fished stocks, using stock enhancement techniques and protecting marine and coastal fish habitats;

(c) whether Government propose to take action on these measures suggested; and

(d) if not, other measures under consideration of Government to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has indicated that fish consumption in the world is likely to increase in the coming 15 years.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have identified aquaculture as a major thrust area for development of fisheries. Steps have also been taken to promote introduction of artificial reafs for resource enhancement, mariculture, sea-renching, conservation and management of marine and inland fisheries and regulating shrimp aquaculture in the coastal areas.

(d) Does not arise.

Identification of the problems of small and marginal farmers

6552. SHRI GOPALSINH G SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any State-wise survey of identify the problems of small and marginal farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the problems identified;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any scheme for the integrated development of the small and marginal farmers during the Eighth Plan period; and